

soft to moderately hard in structure, resembling in some respects the European ash. This tree is very valuable and is used in the manufacture of oars, sampan poles, plows, platters, spinning wheels, and for many other purposes." (Watt's Dictionary of the Economic Products of India, vol. 3, p. 442.)

*Garcinia mangostana* (Clusiaceae), 46204. **Mangosteen.** From Buitenzorg, Java. Presented by the Director, Botanic Garden. "This delicious fruit is about the size of a mandarin orange, round and slightly flattened at each end, with a smooth, thick rind, rich red-purple in color, with here and there a bright, hardened drop of yellow juice which marks some injury to the rind when it was young. As these mangosteens are sold in the Dutch East Indies - heaped up on fruit baskets or made up into long, regular bunches, with thin strips of braided bamboo - they are as strikingly handsome as anything of the kind could well be; but it is only when the fruit is opened that its real beauty is seen. The rind is thick and tough, and, in order to get at the pulp inside, it requires a circular cut with a sharp knife to lift the top half off like a cap, exposing the white segments, five, six, or seven in number, lying loose in the cup. The cut surface of the rind is of a most delicate pink color and is studded with small yellow points, formed by the drops of exuding juice. As you lift out of this cup, one by one, the delicate segments, which are the size and shape of those of a mandarin orange, the light pink sides of the cup, and the veins of white and yellow embedded in it, are visible. The separate segments are between snow-white and ivory in color and are covered with a delicate network of fibers, and the side of each segment, where it presses against its neighbor, is translucent and slightly tinged with pale green. As one poises the dainty bit of snowy fruit on his fork and looks at the empty pink cup from which it has been taken, he hardly knows whether the delicate flavor or the beautiful coloring of the fruit pleases him the more; and he invariably stops to admire the rapidly deepening color of the cut rind as it changes, on exposure to the air, from light pink to deep brown. The texture of the mangosteen pulp much resembles that of a well-ripened plum, only it is so delicate that it melts in your mouth like a bit of ice cream. The flavor is quite indescribably delicious and resembles nothing you know of, and yet reminds you,